Kyoto Protocol

1901. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kyoto Protocol has come into effect from February this year;

(b) if so, the obligations on our country in terms of this Protocol; and

(c) the steps taken to honour the obligation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the Kyoto Protocol, only the developed countries that are parties to Kyoto Protocol have quantified emission limitation and reduction commitments. Developing countries including India have no such obligation.

(c) Does not arise.

Death of tigers in national parks

†1902. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of national parks in the country where tigers have died last year;

(b) the causes of their deaths;

(c) the action taken against the officials responsible for death of these tigers; and

(d) the safety measures taken by Government to avoid premature deaths of such species of tigers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The details of death of tigers in the Tiger Reserves during 2004 with the reasons for death are in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) No such report has been received by Government of India.

(d) The State Governments have been advised to ensure protection for tiger conservation as per the guidelines of Project Tiger. Further, the following

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.